



## HEALTH POLICY OPTIONS

### ShapeNZ interim result 1

846 respondents, weighted by age, gender, personal income, employment status and party vote 2005.

The Interim result covers responses between 5pm 29 September – 4.15pm 1 October, 2007. The respondents are a representative sample of the New Zealand population compared with the 2006 Census. Confidence level 95%. The maximum margin of error is 3.5%.

This survey continues until 31 October at [www.shapenz.org.nz](http://www.shapenz.org.nz).

The survey is being conducted to inform discussion on health, skills and personal tax reform options at the Business Budget Summit 2007 (details at [www.budgetsummit.org.nz](http://www.budgetsummit.org.nz)).

These questions regarding health policies are in addition to other interim ShapeNZ Future Health Policy survey results available at [www.budgetsummit.org.nz](http://www.budgetsummit.org.nz)

ShapeNZ is an online panel operated by the New Zealand Business Council for Sustainable Development to give the public an opportunity to have a say on policy options.

## HEALTH

**Thinking about new medicines, do you and your family think you generally have better access, the same or worse access to new medicines than countries like Australia?**

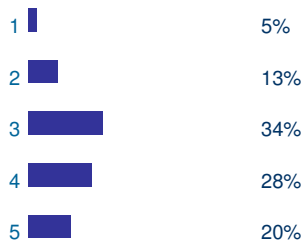


**Pharmac is the agency buying drugs on behalf of the Government. It uses its purchasing power to keep drug costs as low as possible but also restricts the drugs available with a subsidy.**

**On a 1 to 5 scale, where 1 means very confident and 5 means not at all confident, how**

**confident are you that the Government's drug purchasing agency Pharmac strikes the right balance between meeting healthcare needs and what New Zealand can afford?**

Select one

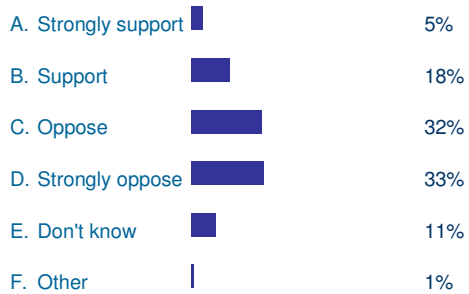


#### NATIONAL PARTY HEALTH POLICY DISCUSSION

**The National Party has invited the public to discuss a number of policy options on health care. Do you support or oppose the following proposals**

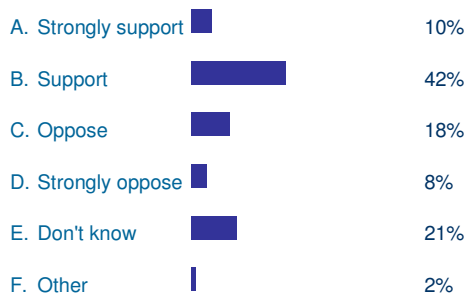
**Remove the review process which allows a cap to be placed on charges made by general practitioners**

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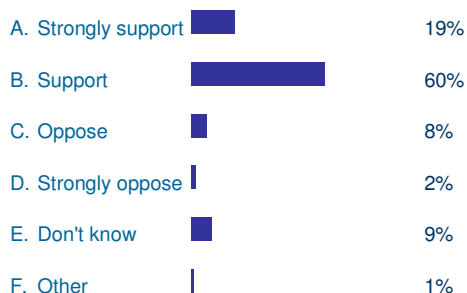
**Separating urgent and elective surgery at public hospitals. National says this will avoid urgent surgery, like that needed because of accidents, delaying other non-urgent operations**

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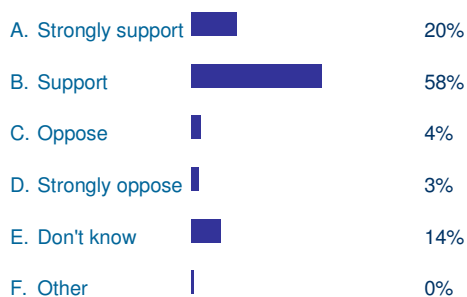
**Relocating some hospital services to Integrated Family Health Centres, which would provide a fuller range of services closer to patients. Centres would have doctors, nurses, specialists and allied health professionals, such as physiotherapists, podiatrists, and dieticians all in one location, in local communities**

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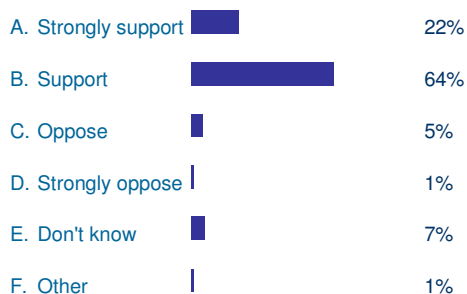
**Judicious use of public-private partnerships to boost elective surgery availability and cut waiting lists**

Select one



**GPs with special interests should be able to provide a wider range of minor surgery at their clinics**

Select one



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